

FIRST GUN OF A BIG STRIKE.

DAVID HIRSCH'S CIGAR-MAKERS OPEN THE BATTLE TO-DAY.

They Quit Work in a Body to Protest Against the Reduction of Wages and the Return to the Tenement-House System—There May be 2,000 Men Out by Monday—Thurs., Whyland & Co. to be Rejected.

The International Union cigar-makers fired the first gun this morning against a reduction of wages by striking in the manufacture of David Hirsch, in Forty-first street, between Second and Third avenues, twenty-seven hands going out.

Mr. Hirsch is a patriarch in the Manufacturers' Association. He has been favorably known as a fair man towards his hands.

In accordance with the general understanding among the manufacturers he gave notice of a reduction of \$1 per 1,000 for the making of cigars of all grades in his manufactory.

His employees thought it unnecessary and unfair and made application to the International Union for leave to strike.

Word was sent that the international union in the United States and Canada had approved of it, and at the joint meeting of the executive boards of unions Nos. 10, 30, 41 and 44.

The men who are employed in this factory are opposed to this course, and a strike is likely to ensue.

Kerbs & Spies were the first firm to announce that it was their intention to return to the tenement-house system.

Notices of a reduction of wages have been posted thus far as follows:

Brown's, in Maiden lane, reduction of 50 cents to \$1.00 per 1,000.

Westminster & Schiffer, Seventh street and First avenue, reduction of 10 cents to 15 cents a return to the tenement-house system.

Robertson & Co., Thirty-eighth street and First avenue, reduction of 10 cents to 15 cents a return to the tenement-house system.

At the headquarters of the International Union, in East Eighth street, it was reported that the joint Executive board would meet to-night.

Word may be received from President Strasser of the International Union, that other applications to strike have been sent upon.

Whyland & Co., who have purchased 250,000 from Monelli, a tenement house manufacturer, at Avenue D and Tenth street, Labor Union there will be requested to boycott both firms.

Secretary Buchner, of Union 144, received word yesterday that Judge Sedgwick, of the Superior Court, had refused to affirm the decision of the District Court.

More strikes are likely to occur to-morrow, and by Monday nearly two thousand hands may be out.

The manufacturers have begun a concerted movement for a reduction of prices and some have also announced their intention of returning to the tenement-house system because of their alleged inability to compete with outside manufacturers, notably those at Binghamton.

KIDNAPED WITH PRETTY MRS. JACOBS.

George Morgenweck Leaves Providence with Solomon Jacobs' Wife and Property.

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 6.—George Morgenweck, assistant, and Rebecca H. (Ette), wife of Solomon Jacobs, broker and photographer at 255 Westmain street, ran away last night during Jacobs' absence on business, and took all the movable property in his place.

He arrived from Philadelphia this morning, and found them missing, taking with \$1,500 worth of diamonds, and all his photographic instruments and supplies, and all his laundresses, porters, carmen, maids, beds and bedding, all worth \$4,000.

They left for New York last night, and sent the goods by express. Jacobs has left for New York in pursuit.

Morgenweck is twenty-one years old, medium height, has a round face, and wears a broad nose and gives the name of George Reike. Mrs. Jacobs is tall, slender, thin face, red cheeks and good looking and wore a black satin dress, beads in front, and a silk hat, turned up on one side.

They had about \$70 in ready money. Morgenweck's father is a barber in New York.

Searching for Hamilton's Murderer.

LORE BRANCH, Jan. 6.—The authorities have not yet succeeded in running down the murderer or murderers of the late Mrs. Robert Hamilton. The several colored persons under arrest are not believed by many to have had a hand in the brutal crime, but whether they know something about the murder is what puzzles the authorities.

Chief of Police Lloyd and Coroner Vandever have a number of city detectives at work on the case.

The detectives are still searching pawnshops in different cities for the murdered man's gold watch.

Peter Donnelly, the negro for whom the officers have been looking for the past forty-eight hours and who is believed by many to be the murderer of Hamilton, is thought to be hiding in a settlement inhabited by colored people near Philadelphia.

Mr. P. T. Wall's Moral Sense Shocked.

A lawyer, once well known in the courts of San Francisco and now a familiar figure in New York barrooms, added up to Mr. P. T. Wall in the Hoffman House this morning and, showing a dime, asked the loan of an equal sum, "because, sir, he might make a purchase in the Hoffman's art gallery."

Mr. Wall drew himself together, advanced his right arm, and said: "I am surprised, sir, at the President of a temperance society and a Director of the Girls' Peace Society, that you should ask from me, I say, the whereabout of your own son, sir, it is no use, sir!" And then lowered his voice to a whispering tone, and said: "The plan, Mr. Wall said, 'Front!'"

Front appeared, and the San Francisco pleader was made to see.

A New Railroad to Cost \$7,500,000.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 6.—Articles of incorporation of the Chicago and South Side Rapid Transit Railroad Company were recorded to-day in the office of the Secretary of State. It is proposed to construct a railroad from the north line of Van Buren street, between the lake shore and Clark street, to a southern direction, and to the American street, between Halsted street and the lake shore, thence in a southerly direction to Seventy-first street, thence in a southerly direction to the Indiana State line. The principal business office is to be maintained at Chicago and the corporation is to continue in existence for fifty years. The capital stock is to be \$7,500,000.

Stewart's Confidential Man Dead.

Frank E. Holman, for many years confidential man of the late A. T. Stewart, died in Cincinnati yesterday at the age of fifty-eight years. The body will be sent to the selection of Harvey, Mass., where Holman formerly lived and owned property. Until the time of Mr. Stewart's death Holman got a salary of \$10,000 a year. After Mr. Stewart's death Holman was a poor man. When Mr. Stewart died, Holman was in New York with a Boston lawyer. He was not seen since.

NEWSBOYS HAVE SOME FUN.

Candy and a Concert Provided by a Party From Brooklyn.

Last night was a gala night at the newsboys' lodging house. There was a concert, there was no school, which institution is considered a bore by many of the urchins, there was plenty of candy and the boys had a general good time.

Concetti and candy are things that the lively newsboys about the city seldom have a chance of enjoying. It was about a month since the youngsters had been so entertained, and when orders were given yesterday to report in the school-room with clean faces every lad threw up his hat.

To Miss Glenna Knight, of Brooklyn, the evening's fun was in a measure due; but the half-score of ladies and gentlemen who accompanied her did their bit toward giving the little fellows a good time.

George J. Bryan took charge of matters and introduced each artist. Then, when the songs and recitations were finished, he proposed to make a speech. He wanted the boys' opinion.

"Which would you rather have," he asked, "a speech from me, or candy?" And the answer from hundreds of throats—"Candy."

Then a few repeated, but too late, and the candy was distributed.

Afterward a tour of inspection of the building was made, under the guidance of Supt. R. Heig and Mrs. Heig, and then the boys went to bed and the visitors went home to Brooklyn.

These were among the entertainers: Miss T. May Taylor, Miss Austria Taylor, Miss Minnie A. Reid, John M. Taylor, George B. Squires, Miss Ida T. Aris, Miss Lida Johnson, Miss Grace Knight, Harry Knight and Mr. Taylor.

Henry Knight, at whose suggestion the concert was given, was once a poor boy, and in later years made frequent visits to the home. Now he is one of Brooklyn's wealthiest citizens, a successful publisher, and still takes an interest in the many little fellows who make the lodging-house their home.

AFTER THE THEATRE.

A Presentation to Stage Manager McCarthy, of Niblo's, Followed by a Jolly Supper.

There was a jolly after-theatre party at the House of Lords, a well-known resort to stone's throw from Niblo's, the other night, and before the entertainment ended one gentleman had been thoroughly canded.

L. J. McCarthy, the popular young stage manager of the Boston Theatre, and superintended the presentation of "A Run of Luck" in the Hub. When the play was brought to New York Mr. McCarthy came along to look after the stage work at Niblo's.

At the close of the performance on Wednesday night the young manager was called before the board, and presented by Master Mechanic J. H. Cunningham, of Niblo's, with a gold-headed cane. The stick bears the inscription: "Presented to L. J. McCarthy by the management of Niblo's."

Mr. McCarthy of course was surprised, but after he read the engraving he said some pretty things about the men and the expression of their good will to him, and then every one of the lot of us gave him a hearty cheer.

Dan Maginnis, "Handsome Dan," as his Boston friends call him, was there and sang "The Christening," "The Wedding" and "The Anniversary." All his own work, and for an hour he sang "The Goblet" song, and only those who have heard can appreciate.

Mr. Cunningham contributed his share to the good time. Policemen Dan Haggerty and Hugh McQuinn, of the Mulberry street squad, came in after getting off duty and sang funny songs that sent the boys into rars of laughter.

W. J. Wheeler and Prof. Edwards, who some say is the wizard of the nineteenth century, made fun for everybody and the latter's mercurial nature was simply immense.

Mr. Finley, who is one of the most popular young men in the city, and who is believed to be joyful, and then, after discussing an elaborate spread, the boys went home.

BLOCKED IN PARK ROY.

A Broken Truck Caused Car-Drivers to Use Language of Various Kinds.

A blockade in Park roy directly in front of the south roadway of the bridge made things lively for half an hour this morning. A big truck, with a heavy load of sacks of meal, broke down and could not be judged.

The East Broadway and Avenue B cars had to be run off the track to get around the truck. This caused the drivers to indulge in such choice and assorted language as would have driven the color from Anthony Comstock's cheeks.

Twenty empty cars were pressed into service, and the meal sacks were carried away soon after the offending truck was removed, and the policemen, who a few minutes before had been in the picture of activity, sank back into their customary repose.

Jackey Richardson's Profitable Ride.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Fred Richardson, a well-known jockey, has gone to England to claim a large fortune left in London by an aunt named Jackey, who recently died in an insane asylum near London.

The estate is now in possession of his sister, who had been sent to an asylum four years since while sane.

Richardson's sister went to an old school friend, and the latter, who is a jockey, told him all the hands of the girl's mother in the police office, and was forwarded to the mother of Richardson.

He was married again to Miss Dolan, a steam-fitter, and who now keeps a little candy store here. The fortune is said to amount to nearly a million.

Slattery Won on a Feat.

DUNKIN, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Pat Slattery, of Dunkin, and W. A. Layton, of Meadville, met here last night in a prize-fight with gloves, according to Marquis of Queensbury rules. The fight was to a finish for a stake of \$100 and gate money. Twenty-one rounds were fought, lasting eighty-three minutes.

At the end of the twenty-first round the referee declared Slattery the victor by a knockout. Both men received terrible punishment. Slattery's face was knocked out of shape and Layton was badly hurt in the head and body. About fifty persons witnessed the fight.

Democrats Accept a Building Lot.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)

At a building lot of the Democratic Club, of the First District of the town of Eastchester last night, it was decided to accept a gift of 100,000 ft. in size, on the south side of Sixth street, east of Fifth avenue, from Mr. Thomas Nicol, an Englishman, who has been a member of the club since its organization.

The club numbers more than 100 members, and is the first club organized for the next Presidential campaign.

Capt. Smith's Accomplished Chef.

Capt. Smith, of the police-battalion, is of the opinion that he has got a good man in his chef, Henry Ferris.

He can only make about a dozen different kinds of soup, but he is a connoisseur in the World reporter this morning: "but each kind makes your hair curl. By the bye, we expect to get our steam launches soon."

Tried to Burn a Stable.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)

AN ITALIAN'S WICKED PLOT.

CLAIMING A PRETTY GIRL FOR HIS WIFE BECAUSE SHE IS ALONE.

Vincenzo Pellegrini Sent \$16 to a Woman in Italy for a Girl and Then Claimed Raffella Rossi as His Property—Vice-Consul Monaco Settles the Matter for Him—The Girl Taken Care of by Mr. Marz.

The classic drama of "Virginia," minus the stabbing scene in the last act, and other minor variations, was enacted at the Italian Consulate, 24 State street, this morning.

The maiden whose attempted forced marriage affords a parallel to the old play was Raffella Rossi, a dark-skinned girl, and the villain of the piece was Vincenzo Pellegrini, a Williamsburg railroad laborer.

Pellegrini was aided and abetted by a withered old Italian woman named Madellina Soglio, who lives at 236 North Fifth street, Williamsburg, and who claims to be a relative of the girl.

Vice-Consul Attilla Monaco conducted the trial. Beside him on the bench sat Mr. Robert Marz, Manager of the Italian Emigration Society.

Father O'Reilly, of Castle Garden, stated the facts in the case as follows:

The girl Raffella was a stow-away passenger on the steamship Bolivia, which arrived from Naples yesterday. On landing at Castle Garden she said that she was alone in this country without relatives, and that she wanted to get work as a domestic.

Before she could be placed elsewhere Pellegrini and the woman Soglio took hold of her and asked her to go to Williamsburg.

The old woman said that she was Raffella's godmother and that Nunzio Rossi, of Kansas, province of Salerno, Raffella's mother, had consented that the girl should marry Vincenzo.

Pellegrini therefore claimed the girl as his wife, and he had sent \$16 to Raffella's mother and because he had already married her by proxy.

The poor girl looked at Pellegrini in terror. He is a low-browed fellow about thirty-five years of age, with a big nose and a forehead. She had not seen him before.

She said that she would not go with him. She also denied that the old woman was her godmother or had any claim upon her.

Her protestations reached the ears of Mr. Marz, and he caused the girl to be sheltered in the Garden for the night.

Pellegrini was not dismayed by his first setback. He and the old woman put in an early appearance at the Consulate this morning, and brought three other members of the Soglio family.

Mr. Marz put the whole of them through a severe cross-examination, and the first couple had lied in many particulars.

Pellegrini had to admit that he did not know the girl, but had sent \$16 to a woman in Kansas to have a girl sent to him. He did not know which girl it would be and only claimed Raffella because she was alone. He thought that she must be the one.

Raffella, who looked modest and rather pretty, said that her father had sent her to her mother in Italy, and she had to come on the ship, and she had to obey.

She never heard of the old woman Soglio, and she was sure that she had never heard of her mother. She said that she did not want to be married, but to go to work.

The Vice-Consul decided that neither Pellegrini nor the woman should have the girl. He ordered the Emigration Society to protect her until she got employment.

REFUSE IN THE STREETS.

Inspector Williams' Opinion of the Street Cleaning Department.

Inspector Williams says, concerning the published charge that the police do not remove tin cans or Christmas trees from the streets or arrest those who throw them there, that the city pays to the Street Cleaning Department \$100,000 a year to do its duty.

"When I had charge of that department," exclaimed the Inspector, "the appropriation did not exceed \$300,000, and with three times that amount the streets on the whole were cleaner than they are now, and not removed, and the pertinent query is, where does the money go?"

"The police," continued the Inspector, "should make arrests for casting stone and house refuse on the streets, but such infractions of the law are not committed in the presence of the police, and unless there is positive evidence of guilt the Police Justices do not suppose a case against the offender. Department removed ashes and swept the street these obstructions would disappear."

E. W. TIMPSON FAILS.

Inspector Williams' Opinion of the Books Drawn in the Hackney.

Just before noon this morning E. W. Timpson sent notice to the Stock Exchange that he was unable to meet his contract, and his suspension was therefore announced.

Mr. Timpson was the partner of Alfred Sidman, who failed last week immediately after the dissolution of the firm of Timpson & Co., and he is the same man who was a member of the firm of Dater, Timpson & Co., some of whose books were so mysteriously thrown into the Hackneyack River last month, and which were afterwards fished out and restored to Mr. Timpson.

Last week Mr. Timpson stated that he was perfectly solvent and that the failure of his partner, Mr. Sidman, would not affect him.

The amount of Timpson's liabilities are not known yet, but they are not believed to be large, as the house has not done much business of late.

Mr. Timpson has been a member of the Stock Exchange since Nov. 28, 1863.

A Locomotive Plunges into a River.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Jan. 6.—A freight train on the New River division of the Norfolk and Western Railroad ran into a rock slide twenty-seven miles from Central last night. The locomotive jumped the track and ran into the New River and disappeared. The engineer, driver and fireman were killed. The train was loaded with coal.

Assaulted by a Negro.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)

NEW BRUNSWICK, Jan. 6.—George Bell, a negro, assaulted Mrs. Effie Headland, who lives in Albany street, at her home last night. Shortly thereafter Bell was arrested and is now in the negro precinct, and to-day was committed to jail for trial.

On the Corner's Books.

Anna Landan, an aged woman, died suddenly this morning at 149 Avenue A.

Elias Eke, a German, fifty-three years old, died suddenly at 138 Ridge street this morning.

THE DUFFY MALT WHISKY CO.

Duffy's Formula is for sale by all druggists and dealers. Price, \$1 per bottle.

THE DUFFY MALT WHISKY CO.

E. J. DENNING & CO.,

SUCCESSORS TO A. T. STEWART & CO. (RETAIL).

WILL PLACE ON SALE TO-DAY

200 DOZEN LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S FINE ENGLISH MERINO UNDERWEAR (SAMPLES),

FALL AND WINTER WEIGHTS, AT 50 PER CENT. REDUCTION FROM REGULAR PRICES.

150 DOZEN LADIES' ENGLISH CASHMERE HOSE ALL COLORS,

At 50c. Per Pair; REDUCED FROM \$1.00.

400 LADIES' JAPANESE WRAPPERS at \$10.50 each; REDUCED FROM \$16.50

Broadway, 4th ave., 9th and 10th sts.

MISS BUCKMASTER'S DIAMOND RINGS.

The Son of a Venezuelan Exile Accused of Embezzling Them.

Charles H. Pulgar, son of Gen. Fernandez Pulgar, an officer of the Venezuelan army, now in Paris in exile, was a prisoner at the Jefferson Market Court this morning on a charge of stealing two diamond rings, worth \$125, from Miss Lydia Buckmaster, a student residing at 125 East Twelfth street.

Pulgar is twenty-three years old, and lives upon a weekly allowance of \$18 sent to him by his father. Miss Buckmaster, who was dressed stylishly and carried a long muffler of silver fox fur, testified that she gave \$4 and never having been in a loan office, she asked young Pulgar, who boarded in the house, to pledge the rings for her.

The young man took the rings and a day or two later told her that he could do better than pledge them, and gave her \$4. He left the rings with a friend, he said. Miss Buckmaster said she afterwards learned that he had pawned the rings and given the ticket to Mrs. Lavisco, who keeps a Spanish restaurant at Thirtieth street and Third avenue, to dispose of.

The Sergeant's Ruland and Kueh arrested the General's son at his lodgings, 94 East Tenth street, yesterday, and he was held for trial.

TO-DAY IS LITTLE CHRISTMAS.

A Christian Feast Celebrated by Masses of Unusual Solemnity.

To-day is known as "Little Christmas" throughout Christendom and was celebrated in all the Catholic churches of this city by masses of unusual solemnity.

It is the feast of the Epiphany or manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in the person of the three magi who arrived in Bethlehem the twelfth day after his birth.

Until the meeting of the Plenary Council of Baltimore this was a feast of obligation, but that has since been dispensed with.

Notwithstanding that fact there was large attendance at the different churches this morning.

English Railway Accuracy.

(From the Boston Gazette.)

A Boston lady had rather a trying ordeal through which to pass in coming from London to Liverpool on a short time schedule, which had a better result than she had any reason to hope for. It seems that she bought her railway ticket for herself and family in London, first class, and on the way to Liverpool she was told by a third-class man that the ticket was for first class, and she was told to get out of the first-class car and go to the third-class car.

She did not realize until the train was in Liverpool that she had put her tickets, upon buying them, in one of those old envelopes, and that they had been taken out and put in the third-class envelope. She explained the trouble to the conductor, and although he did not at that moment commit himself, yet upon arriving at Liverpool he demanded full fare to be paid, but at the same time advised the lady to get out of the high railway officials and tell him that she had the ticket for first class.

The last money she had left in her pocket was taken from her, and she was told to get out of the high railway officials and tell him that she had the ticket for first class.

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Ladies' and Misses' Underwear

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For removing Tan, Discolorations or any impurities, it will be found far superior to the numerous lotions, soaps, ointments, &c. It is absolutely harmless, and for general use is far preferable to the finest Toilet Soap. It always leaves the skin